THE REIGN OF THE VIGILANCE COMMITTEE

At Baxter Springs, Kan., Winter of 1866 and 1867.

By ROBERT MORRIS PECK, Alias "Number 27." (Copyright, 1907, by Robert Morris Peck.)

the fraternity. Thinking to lighten the burden of their own crimes, like the drowning man catching at straws, the culprits had attempted in their testimony to implicate Callaham. This so angered Callaham, who was undoubtedly innocent of any complicity in their crimes, that his former sympathy was now turned into bitterest hatred of these outlaws, and in retaliation and to convince the committee that he had really no connection with the gang, he had solicited and obtained the privilege of adjusting the ropes around the necks of the dayment will be described and obtained the privilege of the dayment will be described and obtained the privilege of the dayment will be described and obtained the privilege of the dayment will be described and obtained the privilege of the dayment will be described and obtained the privilege of adjusting the ropes around the necks of the dayment will be a straw, the dever. The new men were mounted, turnishing their own horses, which had to the possed of for \$1,600 cash. These folks turnishing the of adjusting the ropes around the necks Springs. doomed villains and helping to

hoist them off. thru mistaken sympathy for the outlaws that they had taken such an active interest in their defense. They could not believe that these lawless men—some of whom had been their neighbors for some months—were guilty of the crimes that we had plainly proven en them. And even if they were, they sold them.

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riving among the cattle herds in the Nation had purchased a small bunch of about 30 head of cattle; had then Callaham, whom we had had occasion to arrest along with Cap. Mann and Stanley a few days previously for plotting to rescue George Mizer, was now, to my surprise, co-operating with the vigilants.

It came about in this way: During the trials of Edwards and Gillett the prisoners had heard that Callaham had shown such marked sympathy for the probber gang that he had caused some ployment, and had been hired by the property of the fraternity. Thinking to lighten the burden of their own crimes, like the drowning man catching at straws, the

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tible lies and slamlers told against St. Cloud the lagic City continues to climb upward and will so continue. Yours truly—Changer. Masten, 1st Pa. (Bucktail Rifles), St. Cloud, Fla., Sept 30, 1810. 1910.

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(From the St. Cloud Tribune.)

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aged 83 years.

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Monroe J. Bennett, Co. K. 13th Ind., aged 73 years.

He was Captain of Co. A. 1st Me. Cav.

73 years.

FAST.—At Mansfield, Ohio, June 24, Wilson A. Fast, Corporal, Co. K. 1024 Ohio, aged 68 years. He was Past Commander and Adjutant of Gen. Geo. R. Smith Post. 53. McELROY.—At Tulsa, Okla., Feb. 25, John McElroy, Sergeant, Co. E. 67th Ohio. He is survived by his widow and five children. COOTE.—At his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 22, William H. Coote, drummer boy of Co. E. 133d N. Y.

ELKIN.—At his home in Springfield, Ill. Garrett Elkin, aged 88 years. He served in the 10th Ill. Cav., and was a member of Stephenson Post.

f Stephenson Post. LYBRAND.—At Daytons, Fis., Feb. 7,

DAVIS.—At his home in De Funiak Springs, Fia., June 16, William Samuel Davis, Co. E. 1st Fia. Cav.—He is survived by his widow and two daughters.

GAGE.—At his home in Fremont, Wash, June, 1999, Othello Gage, Co. G, 1st Mich., aged 65 years. He is survived by his widow and four children.

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eral principles, I suppose, or just to keep in practice.

After the execution of Edwards and Gillett the remainder of the gang of robbers and murderers, taking the hint,

robbers and murderers, taking the hint, went traveling for their health—that it, "skipped the country"—and the moral atmosphere of Baxter Springs and vicinity was so far purified that it was said that one could have safely left his pocketbook lying in the public road over night.

The Vigilantes Dishand.

There were many more of the gang who were "wanted" by the committee, but as they had taken themselves out of our reach and legal courts were be-

A Massachusetts veteran with an eye business purchased a town lot and of our reach and legal courts were beginning to be established thruout the Neutral Lands, we concluded that it would be safe to retire from business, and leave the legitimate authorities to take care of the criminal element.

The National Tribune: I attended the Encampment at Atlantic City as a Deleton throad of the criminal element.

Shortly afterwards, while I was at Fort Gioson, i met Hoimes and Nelson, and they told me all they knew of this affair—that is, the finding of the bodies and the accompanying signs.

Knowing the inefficiency of the legal authorities, the old Virilantes started some discreet men to tracing these murderers. All signs about the scene of the crimes, a description of the victims and everything bearing on the case were carefully noted. Inquiry among cattlemen who were herding in the vicinity brought out the information that the two murdered men had recently come down the Military or Texas road from Kansas, and on ar-

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